

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks. Prior to entry of this response, Claims 1-15, 18-20, and 22-23 were pending in the application, of which Claims 1 and 15 are independent. In the Office Action September 19, 2006, Claims 1-15, 18-20, and 22-23 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). Following this response, Claims 1-15 and 18-20 remain in this application with Claims 22-23 being canceled without prejudice or disclaimer by this Amendment. Applicant hereby addresses the Examiner's rejections in turn.

I. Interview Summary

Applicant thanks Examiner Lesniewski for the courtesy of a telephone interview on December 5, 2006, requested by the undersigned to discuss the rejection of the current claims under 35 U.S.C. § 103. During the interview, while the Examiner stated that the current amendments overcome the cited references, no agreement was made regarding patentability.

II. Rejection of the Claims Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

In the Office Action September 19, 2006, the Examiner rejected Claims 1-15, 18-20, and 22-23 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,529,187 ("*Dickelman*") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,392,640 ("*Will*") further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,009,459 ("*Belfiore*"). Claims 1 and 15 have been amended, and Applicant respectfully submits that the amendments overcome this rejection and add no new matter.

Amended Claim 1 is patentably distinguishable over the cited art for at least the reason that it recites, for example, “determining, when it is determined that the one character of text does not comprise the single word, whether a combination of the one character of text and the another character of text comprises the single word wherein determining whether the combination of the one character of text and the another character of text comprises the single word comprises determining, prior to receiving yet another character of text, that the another character of text comprises the character other than a period.” Amended Claim 15 includes a similar recitation. Support for these amendments can be found in the specification at least on page 10, lines 4-10.

In contrast, any reasonable combination of *Dickelman* and *Will* at least does not teach or suggest the aforementioned recitation. For example, as stated by the Examiner, *Dickelman* and *Will* do not explicitly state determining whether one character of text includes a single word. (See Office Action, page 4, lines 3-6.) Furthermore, Applicant respectfully submits that *Belfiore* does not overcome *Dickelman*’s and *Will*’s deficiency. *Belfiore* merely discloses that a web browser 42 checks whether there are any periods in a text. (See col. 5, lines 33-35, step 84 in FIG. 6.) As disclosed in *Belfiore*, if the text includes a period, an Autosearch is not warranted. (See col. 5, lines 35-36.) Otherwise, the Autosearch is warranted (See col. 5, 36-37, step 86 in FIG. 6.) While *Belfiore* checks whether there are any periods in a text, like *Dickelman* and *Will*, *Belfiore* at least does not teach or suggest determining whether a combination of a one character of text and an another character of text comprises a single word. Nor does *Belfiore* teach or suggest wherein determining whether the combination of the one character of text and the another character of text comprises the single word comprises

determining (prior to receiving yet another character of text) that the another character of text comprises a character other than a period. Rather *Belfiore* merely discloses whether an Autosearch is warranted based on a text including a period or not including a period.

In short, combining *Dickelman* and *Will* with *Belfiore* would not have led to the claimed invention because *Dickelman*, *Will*, and *Belfiore*, either individually or in combination, at least do not disclose or suggest “determining, when it is determined that the one character of text does not comprise the single word, whether a combination of the one character of text and the another character of text comprises the single word wherein determining whether the combination of the one character of text and the another character of text comprises the single word comprises determining, prior to receiving yet another character of text, that the another character of text comprises the character other than a period”, as recited by amended Claim 1. Amended Claim 15 includes a similar recitation. Accordingly, independent Claims 1 and 15 each patentably distinguishes the present invention over the cited art, and Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of this rejection of Claims 1 and 15.

Dependent Claims 2-14 and 18-20 are also allowable at least for the reasons described above regarding independent Claims 1 and 15, and by virtue of their respective dependencies upon independent Claims 1 and 15. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of this rejection of dependent Claims 2-14 and 18-20.

III. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicant respectfully requests the reconsideration and reexamination of this application and the timely allowance of the pending claims. The preceding arguments are based only on the arguments in the Office Action, and therefore do not address patentable aspects of the invention that were not addressed by the Examiner in the Office Action. The claims may include other elements that are not shown, taught, or suggested by the cited art. Accordingly, the preceding argument in favor of patentability is advanced without prejudice to other bases of patentability. Furthermore, the Office Action contains a number of statements reflecting characterizations of the related art and the claims. Regardless of whether any such statement is identified herein, Applicant declines to automatically subscribe to any statement or characterization in the Office Action.

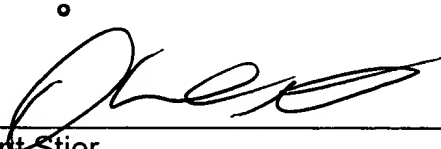
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